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September 3, 2009

Erwin Mack, Chairman
Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
Montgomery County Department of Transportation
101 Monroe Street, 10th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Chairman Mack:

We are writing you regarding WMATA's recently released Medical Center Station Access Improvement Study, which examines various options for enhancing station access and pedestrian safety.

The Medical Center Station Access Improvement Study was undertaken by WMATA in response to the expansion of the National Naval Medical Center, which will reopen in September 2011 as the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center with twice as many patients and 2,500 additional employees. While this expansion is expected to generate additional traffic in an already extremely congested corridor, it is hoped that many employees will commute there by Metro rather than by car. However, at this time there is no entrance to the Medical Center Station from the east side of Rockville Pike and increased congestion will render the crossing problematic for pedestrians. WMATA's report examines five alternatives for enhancing access to the Medical Center Station and improving pedestrian safety at the Rockville Pike crossing.

We believe the Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee's perspective on this matter would be helpful to the Council as it considers the options presented in the WMATA report. Therefore, we respectfully request that your Committee review the WMATA report and share with us your recommendations on pedestrian safety and access in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your assistance and for your continued dedication to pedestrian safety issues.

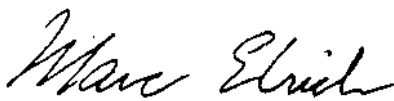
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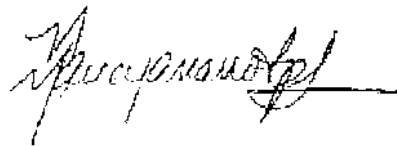
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